

Reconstitution of NCSK

3048. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that present term of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis constituted under an Act of Parliament has expired and the staff is idling without work;
- (b) if so, what are Government's plans in this regard and by when the Commission will be reconstituted;
- (c) if not, what are Government's alternate plans and how they propose to handle the subject of amelioration of hardship to Safai Karamcharis; and
- (d) how Government propose to utilize the services of the existing staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d) Reconstitution of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis is under consideration. Staff of the Commission are doing the normal administrative and financial functions.

Schemes for development of down-trodden people in Meghalaya

3049. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the schemes which have been sanctioned by Government for the development of down-trodden people in the State of Meghalaya;
- (b) if so, the total allocation of fund for each scheme alongwith the amount disbursed during the last three years in the State; and
- (c) the number of people benefited by each scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) This Ministry sanctions/releases financial assistance under schemes for the development of Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, Minorities, Welfare of the Disabled and Social Defence to all States and Union Territories. However, the allocation of funds is not made state-wise. The funds are sanctioned/released as per prescribed norms of the schemes on the basis of the merits of the proposals received from the States/UTs. A statement indicating scheme-wise funds released and beneficiaries covered in Meghalaya during last three years is annexed.